neering Research (SAMEER), Bombay and Post Graduate Institute(PGI), Chandigarh under a project sponsored by the Department of Electronics(DOE). The knowhow has been licensed by DOE for joint commercialisation by a consortium of five Public Sector Undertakings. These are:

1. Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., Hardwar
2. Bharat Electonics Ltd., Ghaziabad
3. Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad
4. Instrumentation Ltd., Kota and
5. Andrew Yule & Co., Calcutta.

(d) Agro-electronic instruments developed by CSIO in recent Years are:

- Portable digital soil salinity tester
- Field pH meter
- Instant digital salinity tester
- Specific Ion Analyser (Microprocessor based)

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Houses for SCs/STs

*404. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed by HUDCO and other agencies for providing accommodation in rural areas in various States during the last three years;

(b) whether any other housing scheme apart from 'Antyodaya' and 'Indira Avas Yojna' for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in rural areas is under consideration of the Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) HUDCO is not directly involved in the construction of houses in rural areas. However, it provides loan assistance to public housing agencies and other eligible institutions for the construction and upgradation of houses for different sections of rural population, with particular emphasis on the needs of the landless poor. It has sanctioned during the last three years loans for the construction of 671297 dwelling units in various States and under the central scheme of Indira Awas Yojana, under which grants, are provided to State Governments for the construction of houses for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, 490482 houses were constructed in the last three years. Under the 20 point programme, construction assistance was provided by State Governments during Seventh Plan period to 22.55 lakh families.

(b) and (c) No such scheme is under consideration of the Government.

[*English*]

Co-operative Movement in Industrial Sector

*405. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to encourage cooperative movement in the industrial sector;

(b) whether any study has been conducted to assess the employment genera-